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ENGLISH

Please do not return unit to retailer.
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Veuillez ne pas retourner l'outil au détaillant.

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Instruction Manual
Manual de Instrucciones
Manuel d'Instructions

ESPAÑOL

HT1700 - 120 V, 60 Hz, 2.4 A
HT2400 - 120 V, 60 Hz, 2.8 A

WARNING:
Read and follow all Safety Rules and Operating Instructions before using this product. Read instructions carefully before assembling. Failure to do so can result in serious injury.

ADVERTENCIA:
Lea el manual del operador y siga todas las advertencias e instrucciones de seguridad. Antes de ensamblar el producto lea cuidadosamente el instructivo. El no hacerlo puede resultar en lesiones graves.

AVERTISSEMENT:
Veuillez lire le manuel de l'utilisateur et bien respecter tous les avertissements et toutes les instructions de sécurité. Bien lire les instructions avant d'assembler l'outil. Tout défaut de le faire pourrait entraîner des blessures graves.

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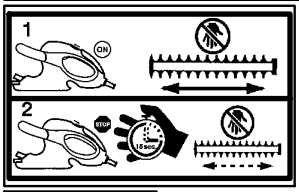
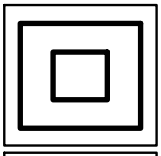


⚠ DANGER:
Blades move momentarily after the trigger switch is released.
- The blades can seriously cut your or others.
- Allow blades to stop before removing them from the cut.
- Do not overreach.

⚠WARNING: This unit can be dangerous! Careless or improper use can cause serious injury.



⚠WARNING: This unit is double insulated. Failure to have the unit repaired by qualified service personnel can cause the double insulation construction to become ineffective and result in serious injury.

Read the operator's manual before use. Failure to follow instructions could result in serious injury. Save operator's manual.

To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not expose unit to water. Do not operate unit on wet ground or in rain.

Blades can throw objects violently. You can be blinded or injured. Always wear hearing protection and safety glasses marked Z87. Always wear heavy, long pants, long sleeves, boots, and gloves.

Secure hair above shoulder length. Do not wear jewelry, loose clothing, or clothing with loosing hanging straps, ties, tassels, etc. They can be caught in moving parts.

This unit is double insulated. All internal service must be completed by an authorized service dealer. Disconnect unit from power source before cleaning or servicing.

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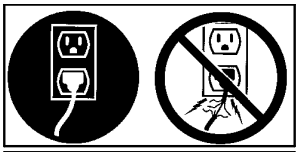
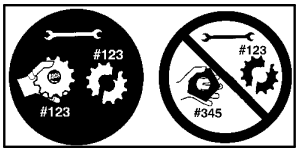


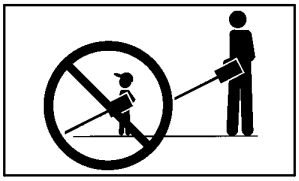
Do not use with damaged cord. Repair or replace damaged cord immediately.

Store unit indoors in a high, dry place out of the reach of children. Store unit unplugged.

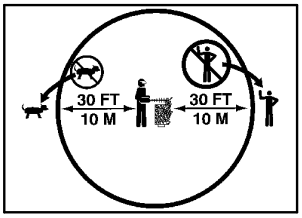
This unit is for household use only and not for commercial use.



When servicing unit, use only identical replacement parts.



Never allow children to operate this unit.



Hazard zone for thrown objects
- Blades can throw objects violently.
- Others can be blinded or injured.
- Keep people and animals 30 feet (10 m) away.

SAFETY RULES

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

⚠ WARNING: When using electric gardening appliances, basic safety precautions must always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and serious injury. Read and follow all instructions.
This power unit can be dangerous! Operator is responsible for following the warnings and instructions in this manual and on the unit.

Read entire instruction manual before using unit! Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the unit. Restrict the use of this unit to persons who read, understand, and follow unit and manual warnings and instructions. Never allow children to operate this unit. Close attention is necessary when used near children.

OPERATOR SAFETY

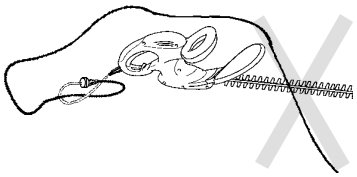
DANGER: RISK OF CUT; KEEP HANDS AND FEET AWAY FROM BLADE. Keep both hands on handles when power is on. Do not attempt to clear away cut material when blades are in motion. Make sure trigger switch is not engaged and power source is disconnected when removing jammed material from blades. Do not grab or hold unit by blades.

- Dress properly. Always wear safety glasses or similar eye protection when operating, or performing maintenance on your unit. (Safety glasses are available.) Always wear face or dust mask if operation is dusty. Always wear heavy, long pants, long sleeves, boots, and gloves. Secure hair above shoulder length. Do not go barefoot or wear short pants, sandals, jewelry, loose clothing, or clothing with loosely hanging straps, ties, tassels, etc. They can be caught in moving parts.
- Always wear hearing protection when using this unit.
- Being fully covered also helps protect you from debris and pieces of toxic plants such as poison ivy thrown by the blades, which could be more of a hazard than touching the plant itself.
- Stay Alert. Do not operate unit when you are tired, ill, upset or under influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication. Watch what you are doing; use common sense.
- Avoid unintentional starting of the unit. Never carry unit with your finger on the trigger switch. Be sure the trigger switch is not engaged before connecting the extension cord.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

WARNING: Avoid a dangerous environment. To reduce the risk of electrical shock, do not use on wet hedges or shrubbery. Do not use in rain, in damp or wet locations, or around swimming pools, hot tubs, etc. Do not expose to snow, rain, or water to avoid the possibility of electrical shock.

- Use a voltage supply as shown on unit.
- Avoid dangerous situations. Do not use in the presence of flammable liquids or gases to avoid creating a fire or explosion and/or causing damage to unit.
- To reduce the risk of electrical shock, this equipment has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other) and will require the use of a polarized extension cord. The appliance plug will fit into a polarized extension cord only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the extension cord, reverse the plug. If the plug still does not fit, obtain a correct polarized extension cord. A polarized extension cord will require the use of a polarized wall outlet. This plug will fit into the polarized wall outlet only one way. If plug does not fit fully into the wall outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper wall outlet. Do not change the equipment plug, extension cord receptacle, or extension cord plug in any way.
- To reduce risk of electrical shock, use extension cords specifically marked as suitable for outdoor appliances having electrical rating not less than the rating of unit. Cord must be marked with suffix "W-A" (in Canada "W"). Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. Inspect extension cord before use and replace if damaged. Do not use a damaged cord. Cord insulation must be intact with no cracks or deterioration. Plug connectors must be undamaged. An undersized extension cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gauge. The lower the gauge number, the heavier the cord (see SELECT AN EXTENSION CORD in the OPERATION section).
- Do not use multiple cords.
- Do not abuse cord. Never carry the unit by the extension cord or yank extension cord to disconnect unit.
- Use cord retainer to prevent disconnection of extension cord from unit and possible damage to the unit due to plug movement (see ATTACH THE EXTENSION CORD TO YOUR TRIMMER in the OPERATION section).
- Do not use the unit if the trigger switch does not turn the unit on and off properly. Repairs to the switch must be made by your authorized service dealer.
- Keep the extension cord clear of operator, blades and obstacles at all times. Do not expose cords to heat, oil, water, or sharp edges.
- Blades can cut extension cord. Keep the extension cord away from the blades. A cut extension cord can cause serious electrical shock to you or others.



- To avoid the possibility of electric shock, avoid body contact with any grounded conductor, such as metal fences or pipes.
- Inspect hedge trimmer cord periodically and if damaged, have it repaired by an authorized service dealer
- Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) protection should be provided on circuit or outlet to be used. Receptacles are available having built-in GFCI protection and may be used for this measure of safety.

UNIT SAFETY

- Inspect unit before use. Damaged parts must be repaired or replaced by your authorized service dealer.
- Inspect entire unit, including blade and handguard, before each use. Have damaged parts repaired or replaced by your authorized service dealer. Make sure all handles, guards, and fasteners are in place and securely fastened.

- Do not repair unit yourself.
- Before using the unit, have your service dealer replace blades or parts that are cracked, chipped, broken, or damaged in any other way. Throw away damaged or bent blades.
- Use only WEED EATER blades and other replacement parts and accessories as recommended.

CUTTING SAFETY

WARNING: Inspect area to be trimmed before each use. Remove objects (rocks, broken glass, nails, wire, string, etc.) which can be wrap around or be thrown by blades or otherwise cause injury or damage during operation.

- Do not use hedge trimmer without handguard attached.
- Don't force unit; it will do the job better and with less likelihood of a risk of injury at the rate for which it was designed.
- Keep children away. Keep others including children, animals, bystanders and helpers at least 30 feet (10 meters) away from the work area. Stop the unit immediately if you are approached.
- Always keep unit in front of your body. Hold handles firmly with both hands.
- Don't overreach or stand on unstable support such as ladders, stools, truck beds, etc. Keep firm footing and balance at all times.
- Do not raise unit above your shoulders.
- Keep all parts of your body away from the blades.
- Use unit properly. Use only for jobs explained in this manual.
- Use only in daylight or in good artificial light.

MAINTENANCE SAFETY

WARNING: Disconnect unit from the power supply before performing maintenance.

- Maintain unit according to recommended procedures.
- Have all service and maintenance not explained in this manual performed by an authorized service dealer to avoid creating a hazard.
- Never douse or squirt the unit with water or any other liquid. Clean unit and labels with a damp sponge. Keep handles dry, clean, and free from oil and grease.
- Keep the blades and air vents clean and free of debris to avoid overheating the motor. Clean after each use.

TRANSPORTING AND STORAGE

- Stop the unit and disconnect the power source when not in use.
- Carry the unit with motor stopped and the blades away from your body.
- Secure the unit before storing or transporting it in a vehicle.
- Store unit so blades cannot accidentally cause injury.
- Do not store near fertilizers or chemicals which can corrode metal parts.
- Store unit indoors in a high, dry place out of the reach of children. Store unit unplugged.
- Do not hang unit so that the trigger switch is depressed.

DOUBLE INSULATION CONSTRUCTION

This unit is double insulated to help protect against electric shock. Double insulation construction consists of two separate "layers" of electrical insulation instead of grounding.

Tools built with this insulation system are not intended to be grounded. No grounding means is provided on this unit, nor should a means of grounding be added to this unit. As a result, the extension cord used with your unit can be plugged into any standard 120 volt electrical outlet.

Safety precautions must be observed when operating any electrical tool. The double insulation system only provides added protection against injury resulting from an internal electrical insulation failure.

WARNING: All electrical repairs to this unit, including housing, switch, motor, wires, etc., must be diagnosed and repaired by qualified service personnel. Replacement parts for a double insulated appliance must be recommended by the manufacturer. A double insulated appliance is marked with the words "double insulation" or "double insulated". The symbol (square within a square) ⧈ may also be marked on the appliance. Failure to have the unit repaired by qualified service personnel can cause the double insulation construction to become ineffective and result in serious injury.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

ASSEMBLY

WARNING: Before using the hedge trimmer, ensure all fasteners are secure.

Examine parts for damage. Do not use damaged parts.

NOTE: If you need assistance or find parts missing or damaged, call 1-800-554-6723.

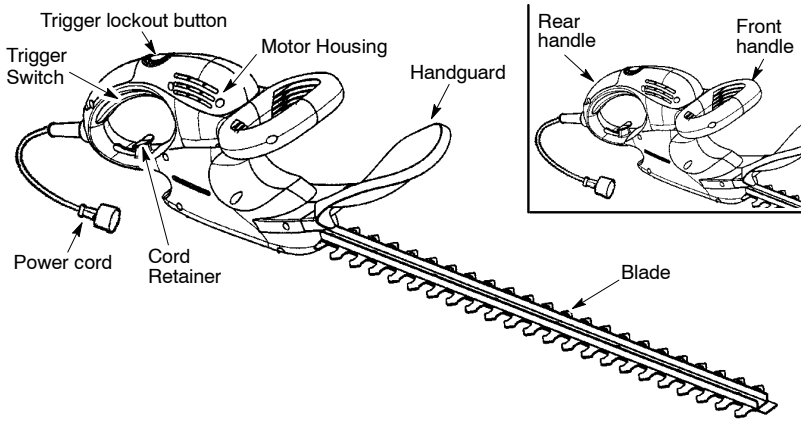
ASSEMBLY

Your hedge trimmer is fully assembled; no assembly is necessary.

OPERATION

KNOW YOUR HEDGE TRIMMER

READ THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL AND SAFETY RULES BEFORE OPERATING YOUR UNIT. Compare the illustrations with your unit to familiarize yourself with the location of the various controls and adjustments. Save this manual for future reference.



TRIGGER SWITCH

The TRIGGER SWITCH is used to turn on the unit. Squeeze the trigger switch to operate the unit after lock-out button has been pushed forward. Release the trigger to turn the unit off.

TRIGGER LOCK-OUT BUTTON

The TRIGGER LOCK-OUT button is a control feature designed to prevent the motor from being accidentally started. When the rear handle is gripped in a normal cutting position, the trigger lock-out button can be pushed forward by the thumb, permitting the index finger to squeeze the trigger. It is not necessary to maintain pressure on the trigger lock-out button once the trigger has been engaged.

FRONT HANDLE AND REAR HANDLE

The FRONT HANDLE and REAR HANDLE are used to maintain control of the unit.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Use only a voltage supply as specified on your unit.

SELECT AN EXTENSION CORD

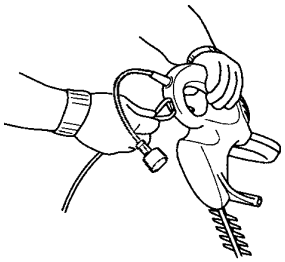
Extension Cord Gauge Chart	
Length of Cord	**Gauge**
25 Ft. (7.5 m)	18 Gauge
50 Ft. (15 m)	16 Gauge
100 Ft. (30 m)	16 Gauge

Extension cords are available for this unit.

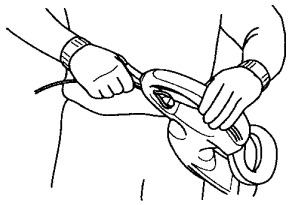
ATTACH THE EXTENSION CORD TO YOUR HEDGE TRIMMER

To prevent disconnection from unit, secure extension cord to power cord.

1. Form a loop in extension cord and push the loop through the hole in the rear handle.

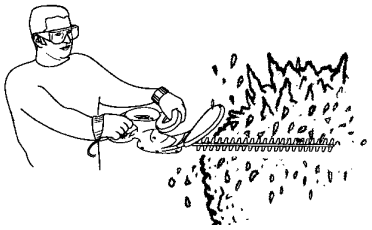


2. Position the loop over the cord retainer and pull back to secure.



3. Connect power cord of unit to extension cord.

CORRECT OPERATING POSITION



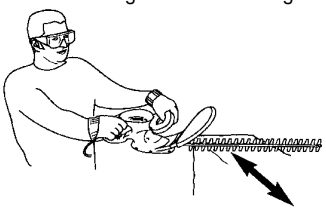
When operating unit, stand as shown and check for the following:
- Wear eye protection and heavy clothing.
- Grip rear handle with right hand and front handle with left hand.
- Keep unit below waist level.

STOPPING YOUR UNIT
To stop the unit, release the trigger switch, allow blades to stop, then move the hedge trimmer away from the cutting area.

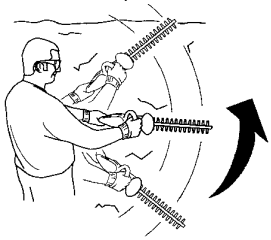
STARTING YOUR UNIT
1. Connect the unit to a power source using the proper size extension cord (see SELECT AN EXTENSION CORD).
2. Grip front and rear handles firmly.
3. Push the trigger lock-out button forward with your right hand thumb.
4. Squeeze and hold the trigger switch.

OPERATING THE UNIT
- Read important safety instructions before operating.
- Do not cut stems greater than 3/8 inch (1 cm) thick.
- During operation, keep extension cord behind the trimmer; never drape over hedge being trimmed.

Top Cutting
Use a wide sweeping motion for top cutting. A slight downward tilt of the cutting blades in the direction of motion gives the best cutting results.



Side Cutting
When trimming the sides of a hedge, begin at the bottom and cut upwards.



MAINTENANCE

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

WARNING: Disconnect power source before performing maintenance.

CARE & MAINTENANCE TASK	WHEN TO PERFORM
Check for loose fasteners and parts	Before each use
Check for damaged or worn parts	Before each use
Inspect and clean unit and labels	After each use
Lubricate blades	After each use

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS
The warranty on this unit does not cover items that have been subjected to operator abuse or negligence. To receive full value from the warranty, the operator must maintain unit as instructed in this manual. Various adjustments will need to be made periodically to properly maintain your unit.

BEFORE EACH USE

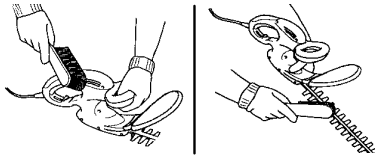
CHECK FOR LOOSE FASTENERS AND PARTS
- Housing screws
- Handguard
- Blade

CHECK FOR DAMAGED OR WORN PARTS
Contact an authorized service dealer for replacement of damaged or worn parts.
- Trigger Switch - Ensure switch functions properly by pressing and releasing the trigger switch. Make sure motor stops.
- Pigtail plug and extension cord - Discontinue use of unit if pigtail cord becomes damaged. Have damaged cords replaced by your authorized service dealer.

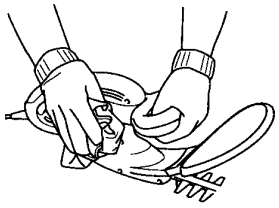
AFTER EACH USE

INSPECT AND CLEAN UNIT AND LABELS
- After each use, inspect complete unit for loose or damaged parts. Clean the unit using a damp cloth with a mild detergent.

- Use a soft brush to remove debris from all air intakes and the cutting blade.



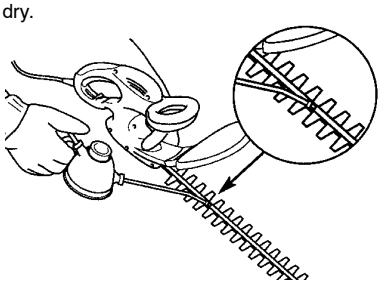
- Wipe off unit with a clean dry cloth.



LUBRICATE BLADES

- Stop the motor and disconnect the unit from the power source.
- Remove any debris on blades.
- Clean all parts and check for damage. Have damaged parts replaced. Be cautious of sharp edges.
- Apply a light machine oil along the edge of the top and bottom straps.

NOTE: Ensure handles remain clean and dry.



STORAGE

WARNING: Perform the following steps after each use.

- Stop the unit and disconnect the power source when not in use.
- Carry the unit with motor stopped.
- Store the unit so the blades cannot cause injury.
- Store unit and extension cord indoors in a high, dry place out of the reach of children. Store unit unplugged.
- Store unit with all guards in place. Position unit so that any sharp object cannot accidentally cause injury.

TROUBLESHOOTING TABLE

WARNING: Always stop unit and disconnect from the power source before performing all of the recommended remedies below except remedies that require unit to be operating.

TROUBLE	CAUSE	REMEDY
Unit fails to operate	1. Electrical failure. 2. Thrown circuit breaker. 3. Debris stopping blade.	1. Contact your authorized service dealer. 2. Check Breaker Box. 3. Remove debris.
Cutting blades stop under a load or do not move when trigger switch is pressed	1. Forcing blade into material being cut. 2. Blades clogged with debris. 3. Unit not plugged in. 4. None of the above	1. Cut at a slower pace. 2. Clean debris from blades. 3. Plug unit into a 120 volt outlet. 4. Contact your authorized service dealer.
Poor cutting quality	1. Unit is being used incorrectly. 2. Blades clogged with debris. 3. Damaged blades.	1. Ensure the product is being used correctly. 2. Clean debris from blades. 3. Contact your authorized service dealer.
Excessive vibration	1. Damaged blades.	1. Contact your authorized service dealer.

LIMITED WARRANTY

WEED EATER, a division of Husqvarna Consumer Outdoor Products N.A., Inc., warrants to the original consumer purchaser that each new **WEED EATER** brand electric or cordless product is free from defects in material and workmanship and agrees to repair or replace under this warranty any defective **WEED EATER** brand electric or cordless product within two (2) years from the original date of purchase.

If your **WEED EATER** brand electric or cordless product should fail within the limited warranty period, you may return it in complete condition, prepaid, with proof of purchase, to the dealer from whom it was purchased for repair or replacement at the option of **WEED EATER**.

This warranty is not transferable and does not cover damage or liability caused by improper handling, improper maintenance or alteration, or the use of accessories and/or attachments not specifically recommended by **WEED EATER** for this product. Additionally, this warranty does not cover parts that will wear and require replacement with reasonable use during the warranty period. This warranty does not cover predelivery set-up or normal adjustments explained in the instruction manual.

Should you have any unanswered questions concerning this warranty, please contact:

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Giving the model number, serial number and date of purchase of your product and the name and address of the authorized dealer from whom it was purchased.

THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY HAVE OTHER RIGHTS WHICH VARY FROM STATE TO STATE.

NO CLAIMS FOR CONSEQUENTIAL OR OTHER DAMAGES WILL BE ALLOWED, AND THERE ARE NO OTHER EXPRESS WARRANTIES EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY STIPULATED HEREIN.

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